

The Banyan



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear RCA Family,

Hope you all had a great Diwali with family and friends.

After all the fun trips, I am back into serious business on the Rotary front. Discussion are on the way to conduct an Orchestra Show to raise funds to meet the expenses relating to our Flagship ongoing Project Fourrts Medical Centre and other projects as well . Looking forward to all your support to make this Fundraiser a super success. Together we can move mountains.

With our dear SVV Sir's unwavering support, many CSR projects are in the pipeline which will be executed with perfection.

Truly Yours,
Rtn.Kannan Paramasivam



FROM THE EDITORS DESK

Outstanding October

October has always been a month of festivities , fun and frolic with a little bit of Varuna's (The Rain/Water God) "Kadai Kann Paarvai" playing hide and seek with the people of Chennai.

Though the weatherman threatened us with heavy rains specifically on the day of Diwali, Nature was kind with just a slight drizzle to those who wanted to burst crackers and our ear drums and pollute the already polluted atmosphere with streets looking as if a garbage truck has overturned.

On the Rotary front, it's raining Good News and the month saw some heart-warming , worthy projects and two interesting speaker meetings.

Happy to walk you through the October Happenings !!!

Warm Regards

Rtn. Pria Srinivas

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KNOW YOUR ROTARIAN



Live in Reflection of your values

Rtn. Krishnan, the senior most Charter Member of RCA lives up to the above quote. He values people above everything.

Krishnan Sir, is a pukka Madrasi born and brought up in Perambur where he did his schooling but travelled all the way upto Royapettah to study B.A Economics in New College. After his graduation, while contemplating to go for further studies, opportunity came knocking at his door. He did not bat an eye lid to grab the offer which opened the doors to a Colourful life. He joined Addison Paints as a Sales Executive, but not in Madras. He was posted in Delhi. A new place, new atmosphere, a new culture and more than anything a new language. Imagine being in Sales without knowing the language. But for someone like Krishnan Sir who is a go getter, nothing was a deterrent. He quickly picked up Hindi and travelled all over the North of India and started living out of a suitcase. Sales is not just about selling your product, it has a lot to do with ethics, values and more importantly building relationships. Being a people's person, it was a cake walk for him. In the midst of all this, he also managed to do a part time MBA course.

After five and a half years he faced a situation where he had to come back to Madras for good when his mother passed away. His company, which valued his services created a

new post for him, understanding his compelling situation.

Then came the Big Day. "Penn Parkum Padalam" There was not an iota of hesitation to say yes to the Ravishingly Beautiful Miss Rajeshwari. But he saw something beyond the Bride. The swarm of relatives who were present and this is exactly what he wanted. A Big Family with a deep bondage. He valued the importance of people in one's life. Charanya, Lanvanya & Anjan are blessed to have this loving couple as parents.

Life moved on and in the year 1985, he joined a company called Bombay Paints in Madras and spent 16 glorious years toiling for mutual growth. But Life is not fair always. The company was taken over by Groves & Weil. No merger or takeover is pleasant. The first thing that happens is targeting the senior management.

Krishnan Sir confidently took a risk of joining a start up company called Grand Polycoats and there was no looking back till date. From an 8Crore turnover the company is seeing a whopping 317 Crores turnover now.

When it comes to Rotary, Krishnan Sir has seen the Club take shape from Adam and has travelled with it for the last 40 Years. Honesty shone when he said "I have received more from Rotary than what I gave". It was an absolute pleasure to meet this lovely couple at their residence and the love and hospitality showered on us will be cherished for a long time.



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RCA News

The month started with the Good News from Rtn. Sathish Thiruvengadam who has secured a Doctorate of Pharmacy (PhD) and has attributed his success to JSS Collage of Pharmacy Ooty who has guided him through the course. Rtn.Sathish now has a bandwagon of degrees behind his name which includes a M.Pharm, An MBA, F.I.P and how a PhD.

The RCA family congratulates Dr.Sathish and wishes him more laurels in future.



Neighbourly Nepal

A fantabulous Outstation Fellowship was organized by our Fellowship Chair Ann Chitra Thiagrajan, with a lot of support from Rtn..S.V.Veeramani Sir through his company Fourrts India's branch in Nepal. 16 families comprising of 32 members joined this trip and had a memorable time loaded with fun and camaraderie.

It was a five day trip covering Kathmandu & Pokara. The majestic Himalayan Peaks, Breath-taking Valleys, Places of Worship and

lush greenery would have been a sight to behold. Though heavy rain played spoil sport, our Jing Bang crowd did not see it as a deterrent to their fun and frolic. Every day dawned with a question " will we make it or not ". The organizers were standing constantly on pins to make sure that every thing goes smoothly despite the nature god going cranky.



Overall it was a Scarily Beautiful Experience with several uncertainties which was overcome with Grit and determination.

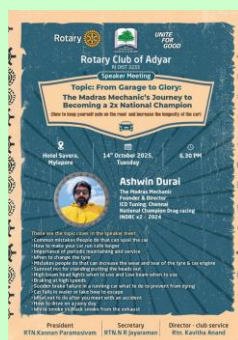
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Meanwhile PE Rtn.Sivakumar missed the bus to Nepal because of PELS (President Elect Learning Seminar). PELS gives a broader insight into the responsibilities and Duties of the incoming President. It also helps in interacting with other Presidents and share thoughts and best practices.



SPEAKER MEETINGS

A fantastic and highly informative Speaker Meeting was arranged by the Club Service Director Rtn.Kavitha Anand on 14th October. The subject was about Cars and all about Cars by Mr.Ashwin Durai, who had answers for all questions thrown at him. It was a kind of eye opener for many of our Rotarians who attended the meeting.



We also took this opportunity to relaunch our E Magazine "The Banyan", the first copy of which was received by PP Rtn.Venkatraghava Annapragada.



The second speaker meet was held on was on 28th October with a full house.



The presentation was done by Annette Soundarya Thiagarajan in a very novel way along with the Grand Annettes of SVV Sir. The vivid presentation and the appropriate information helped those who could not make up for the trip to not just see but also feel the divinity of the places of worship. The whole program was a completely out of the box thinking with a cinematic touch where it made the audience burst into peels of laughter. Kudos Soundarya !!!

The most heartwarming and touching gesture by the group who went to Nepal was that they generously donated the excess amount of Rs.55K to our trust account. **May there be many more trips to fill our coffers !!!**

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The Joy of Giving

“ Therindhavargaluku udhavi seiyum bodhu manidhan aaginraai, Theriyaadhavargaluku udhavi seiyum bodhu Kadavul aagindrai ”. These words by the great writer and lyricist Kannadasan fits our dear SVV Sir to the T.

On World Polio Day, as a part of Rotary International’s Global initiative, District Governor Rtn.Devandran received the first donation of Rs.1 Lakh, for the End Polio Fund from the golden hands of our Rtn.S.V.Veeramani Sir and started his campaign to create a special awareness and contribution drive towards Ending Polio.



Well ! It does not end there. Respected SVV Sir believes in the phrase that no one get poor by giving. Voila !!! another mammoth sum of USD 1.25 lakhs is going towards bringing a change to several people’s lives through CSR Projects and I will be failing in my duty if we do not recognise the tireless efforts of Rtn.Ranjith the **“Noble Steed”** in channelizing these funds in the most appropriate way with perfection and Precision.



- CSR 1. Project “Fourrts Swasam”. Providing live saving equipment’s to ICH. Value USD 22K
- CSR 2. Project “Fourrts Ultracare” . Providing Ultrasound Equipment and Ambulance to TMH. Value – USD 29K.
- CSR 3. Project “Fourrts Rose”. Providing Rotary’s Oral Screening Equipment (Dental Screening Bus) to SRMC. Value USD 52K
- Construction of a Multipurpose Hall for a Government School in Kelambakkam. Value USD 22K.

Apart from the above projects, Rtn.Ranjith is working on a Global Grant to provide Life Saving Equipments to the Departments of Neo Natal and Cardiology in the Egmore Childrens Hospital. The value of the projects is estimated to be around USD 35K.

Collectively projects worth USD 1,60,00 are in the pipeline.

Delighted to share the news, that the boy from Salem, eleven year old Aadhavan was selected to go for the finals in the Silambam Competetion held in Qatar approached us through our Special Projects Director Rtn.Senthilnathan for sponsorship for his travel expenses. Few of our members pitched in for his tickets and he has secured the first place in Silambam and 3rd place in Javalin Throw. A Felicitation is being planned for him by our club in the near future.

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Annettes Angelic Act

The Annettes have proved their mettle once again.

What more happiness can a child ask for during the festival of Lights. Our Annettes under the leadership of Sharavan Suraj with the guidance of Rtn.Vrinda Arun collected a whopping 68K for the mentally challenged children of Prem Vasam, which went towards new cloths, sweets ,crackers and some basic amenities. Rtn.Kavitha Anand along with the Annette Chairman Vrindha walked that extra mile (In the streets of George Town) to procure all the above mentioned things which truly made the childrens Diwali Special.



Thoughtful Gestures

At the District level, the Women Empowerment Team led by Rtn.Anees Begam had organised a project to give away 200 sewing machines to deserving ladies on 11th of October at Valluvar Kottam. The project was aptly named "Thaiyal Nayagi ". Our Rotarians Archana Suraj and Sethuraman donated 1 sewing machine each costing Rs.5000. The occasion was graced by MP Ms.Kanimozhi.



Rtn.Suresh spent his Birthday on 26th October meaningfully by donating 2 Prosthetic Limbs to the Mukthi Foundation



The M.V Hospital Family Rtn.Dr.Prashant Arun and his mother and Rtn.Vrinda Arun donated provisions to the tune of Rs.11K to Premavasam for Diwali. Premavasam is an NGO which houses destitute mentally challenged children. This was given away along with the projects done by the Annettes at the same venue.

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Rtn.Dr.Nishanth Mathivanan made us all proud by participating in the Rotary Volly Ball Tournament and their team secured the Runners Up position. Nish on the other hand got the “ All Rounder ” Award as well. Many Congratunations from the RCA Family and Wishing Dr.Nishanth many more laurels in future.



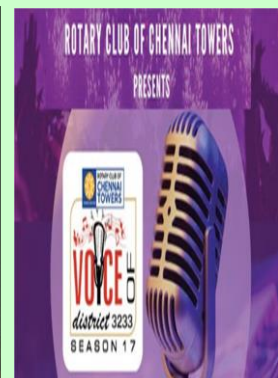
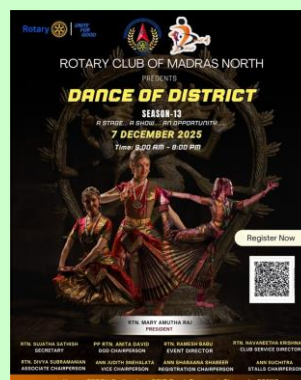
Meanwhile the Fruit Basket found its way from Rtn.Kavitha Anand's house to Rtn.Subash's residence enhancing the bondage between both the families. It was definitely a Fruitful Visit.



The District Diwali Celebrations was meaningfully spent with destitute elders by sponsoring new cloths and a special feast. Guess some of our members contributed to this cause.

The Rotary Excellence Award for Teachers was also conducted in a grand manner where Actor and Philanthropist Dhamu was the guest of Honour

The following events are to happen over the coming days and we have enough and more talent in our Club. Requesting Rotarians, Anns and Annettes to participate.



The prelims for the VOD is on 2nd November and the Finals is on 16th Nov. Contact : Gopal K 9444396500.

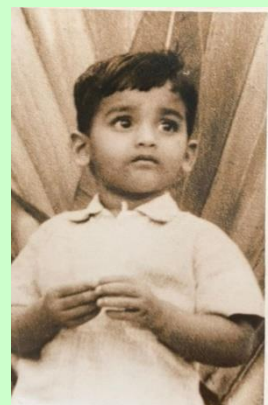
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Down Memory Lane...

Wishing Rtn.SanjeeviRajan and Ann.Selvi a Lifetime of Togetherness, filled with Happiness and Peace.



RCA wishes all the October Birthday Babies **Rtn. Ajay Kumar, Rtn. Vittal Rajan, Rtn.Boopalan, Rtn.Suresh, Rtn.Dr.Kumaravel and Rtn.Archana** a Long and Healthy Life filled with the choicest of the Almighty's Blessings !!! **A couple of the photos are a writing on the wall. Find the Rest !**





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What happened in the District ???

Rotary District 3233 UNITE FOR GOOD

Rotary International District 3233
District Governor
Rtn. D. Devendran
and District Vocational Service Team
cordially invite you to

ACHARYA
RECOGNIZING TEACHERS WHO BUILD THE NATION

25th October 2025, 4 pm to 8 pm
at Ethiraj College Auditorium

Honouring the Hands That Shape Minds.
Let's Unite for Good to Celebrate Teachers.
SPONSOR SCHOOL TEACHERS (Interact / Private / Govt.)
to recognize their impact and inspire future changemakers
₹5,000 per teacher

For more details, Contact Rtn. Shabir Nazeer 99406 87628

PDG Rtn. ISAK Nazer Dist. Counsellor PDG Rtn. Dr. N. Haridkumar Dist. Learning Facilitator

Rtn. J.S.K. Naidu Dist. Mentor Vocational Service Rtn. Navil Rayan Dist. Chairman - Vocational Service Rtn. Shabir Nazeer Event Chairman

Rtn. Paku Sastry Event Co-Chairman Rtn. Er. Kali .M Event Secretary Rtn. Manikandan Event Co-Secretary

Rotary District 3233 UNITE FOR GOOD

Rotary International District 3233 and Olympiad Team
cordially invite you to participate in
Walkathon
for Breast Cancer Awareness

Let's unite for good to turn awareness into action
10.10.2025, 7:00 AM at YMCA College Ground, Nandanam

Chief Guest
Hon'ble Thiru. Justice A.D. Jagadish Chandira

Guest of Honour
Rtn. D. Devendran
District Governor, Rotary International Dist. 3233

Flag Off By
Dr. S. Johnson Premkumar
Principal, YMCA College

PDG Rtn. G. Chandramohan Olympiad Advisor Rtn. Ravi Venkatarman Olympiad Chairman Rtn. Sachikumar VS Olympiad Secretary

Rtn. M. Senthil Kumar Olympiad Asst. Chairman Rtn. V. Balaraman Rtn. Dr. G. Saravanan Dist. Secretary

Rotary District 3233 UNITE FOR GOOD

Rotary
OLYMPIAD
2025

**ONE FIELD
THOUSAND DREAMS**
10.10.2025, 7:00 AM
YMCA Grounds, Nandanam

Rotary Olympiad 2025 brings together
Interact, Rotaract and students across Chennai
for a day packed with Volleyball, Badminton and
Track & Field events.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Rtn. D. Devendran District Governor PDG Rtn. G. Chandramohan Olympiad Advisor

Rtn. Ravi Venkatarman Olympiad Chairman Rtn. Sachikumar VS Olympiad Secretary Rtn. M. Senthil Kumar Youth Services Director

Rotary International District 3233 UNITE FOR GOOD

District Governor
Rtn. D. Devendran
and District Community Service Health Team
cordially invite you to

**Uvir Tholi
A DROP OF HOPE**
A MEGA BLOOD DONATION DRIVE
Wednesday October 8, 2025

Camp Official launch : 10AM at Godhavari Hall, Andhra Club, T. Nagar

**THE GIFT OF LIFE
IS IN YOUR HANDS**

Answer the call. Join the
Rotary Mega Blood Donation Drive

Every two seconds, someone needs blood.
That someone could be a neighbour,
a friend, or a loved one.

This October, Rotary District 3233 is uniting for
a common cause. Let's fill the shelves
of our local blood bank together

**SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT
₹5000 PER CLUB**

Bank Details: A/c Name: Rotary Club of Chennai Akshaya, IDFC First Bank
Account Number: 10067374022, IFSC: IDFB00080132

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT BLOOD DONATION TEAM.

Rtn. Dinsh Kumar Setti Event Chair 9446211114 Rtn. W. Ramia Asst. Chairman 9174207900 Rtn. Anand Kumar President 9192097707 Rtn. Dr. S. Venkatesh Asst. Director CSH Rtn. V. Balaraman Asst. Director CSH Rtn. Dr. S. Venkatesh Asst. Director CSH Rtn. Suresh Member 9648029045

Rotary District 3233 UNITE FOR GOOD

Rotary International District 3233 and Olympiad Team
cordially invite you to inauguration of

**Rotary
OLYMPIAD**
2025

10.10.2025, 8:30 AM
at YMCA College Ground, Nandanam

Chief Guest
S. Viswanathan IAS
Deputy Commissioner, District Port Authority
Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Govt. of India

Guest of Honour
Rtn. D. Devendran
District Governor, Rotary International Dist. 3233

P. Ravi Pandian
Comptroller & Secretary, YMCA College

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Rotary District 3233 UNITE FOR GOOD

Rotary International District 3233
District Governor Rtn. D. Devendran

Invites you all to celebrate
Diwali Nite

Friday, 6 pm **17 October 2025**
New Venue, Same Celebration!
Green Park, Vadapalani

Aarathi Darshan Filmi Tambola
Live Music Unplugged Sumptuous Dinner
Let's have a sparkling nite

Reg. Fee Rs. 1500 / per entry

IPDG Rtn. S. Mahaveer Bothra Advisor Rtn. Selvamur M Event Chairman

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ANNS CORNER

The Golden Door of Bakthapur Durbar

The Golden Doorway of Bakthapur is made of brick and embossed in copper gilt and has been described as “ The Richest piece of Artwork ” in the whole kingdom of Nepal in olden days.

The door was made by 3 Shakya men (The Shakya people are from the Newar community, whose members claim a relationship to the clan to which Buddha belonged)

Percy Brown from London in “ Picturesque Nepal ” in 1912 wrote about the Golden Door “ A specimen of man’s handicraft, it creates a standard whereby may be measured the intellect , artistic and religious of the old Newar



Ann. Chitra Thiagarajan

ANNETTES CORNER

At a Football tournament Annett Sharavan Suraj bagged the attention by all as a Goal Keeper. His Phenominal performance helped his team win the 3rd Place in the S2F Tournament held in KK Nagar.



Annette Shivani, daughter of Rtn.Vijay Prabhu has received the merit award in the National Global Art Competetion Kolor Champ 2025



A David Beckham and a Picasso in the making !!!

Enigmatic English

IDIOMS AND THEIR MEANING

1. Hit the Sack – Go to Sleep
2. Under the weather – Feeling Sick
3. Piece of Cake – An easy job
4. Let the cat out of the bag – Reveal a secret
5. Cost an arm and a leg – Very Expensive
6. In hot water – In trouble
7. Breaking the ice – Start a conversation easily
8. Beat around the bush – Avoiding the main topic
9. Bite the bullet – Face something difficult
10. Throw the towel – Give up
11. Burn the midnight oil – Work late at night
12. Sit tight – Wait patiently